

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A process for improving the printability of paper and paper products when printing with the aid of the ink-jet printing method by treating the paper or the paper products with aqueous solutions of cationic polymers, wherein cationic polymers comprising vinylamine units and having a charge density of at least 3 meq/g are used as the sole treatment composition in aqueous solution and said composition is applied in an amount of from 0.05 to 5 g/m² to the surface of the paper or of the paper product.

Claim 2 (Original): The process according to claim 1, wherein the charge density of the polycation in the polymer comprising vinylamine units is from 3.5 to 23 meq/g.

Claim 3 (Original): The process according to claim 1, wherein the charge density of the polycation in the polymer comprising vinylamine units is from 8 to 20 meq/g.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the polycation of the polymer comprising vinylamine units has a molar mass M_w of at least 10 000.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the polymers comprising vinylamine units used are hydrolyzed homo- or copolymers of N-vinylformamide having a degree of hydrolysis of from 20 to 100%.

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Preliminary Amendment

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of the polymers comprising vinylamine units is applied to the paper with the aid of a size press, a film press, a spraying means, a coating unit or a paper calender.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A paper which is ~~obtainable~~ obtained by the process according to ~~claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1.

Claim 8 (Canceled).